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## Call to worship

Creator God, reveal yourself to us through your eternal word.  
Precious Jesus, reveal yourself through us in the love that we share.  
Holy Spirit, reveal yourself in us through the gifts that we use.  
Three in One, be the life within us as we journey with you.

Amen.<sup>1</sup>

## Hymn:

88 STF – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation – [YouTube](#)

## Opening Prayers

O God, we welcome you here this day,  
Let us worship and praise your name together today.

We come with the burdens and worries of this past week,  
And as we gather, we find a way to bear them together, as your family, as your church, as a community.

And as we gather, we are one family,  
We are siblings united by the love of Jesus and called to emulate this love in our daily lives.

Come let us be joyful in the Lord, as we worship this day - hallelujah!

Amen.<sup>2</sup>

**Readings:** Job 38:1-7 – [Click for reading](#)

Hebrews 5:1-10 – [Click for reading](#)

Mark 10:35-45 – [Click for reading](#)

## Reflections - what are you being called to?

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In today's reading from Job, God gives orders to the morning. The writer, philosopher and theologian G K Chesterton wondered whether the sun did not rise every morning of its own accord: "It is possible that God says every morning, 'Do it again' to the sun; and every evening, 'Do it again' to the moon."

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<sup>1</sup> Call to Worship written by Tim Baker

<sup>2</sup> Opening prayers written by Tim Annan-Hood

Here, in Job, we see that process of creation establishing the rhythms of day and night. As John Goldingay notes:

Night is the natural time for wrongdoing, but at morning the folds in the mountains become exposed like the folds in a garment, and wrongdoers get shaken out of their hiding places as spiders or crumbs get shaken out of a garment. So with the dawn faithless people lose the light they like (that is, what other people call darkness), and they can no longer exercise their violent power in order to do wrong.

How do you interact with these rhythms of creation? A great many ancient religious traditions have their own routines and practices for morning and night – think, for example, of the morning and evening compline of some of the Celtic communities (Northumbria or Iona communities in the UK, for example).

If you don't yet have your own practice for marking the morning, and the evening, could you think of one that might be helpful for you in your context? You might like to take inspiration from Job, or look on the internet or speak to someone you know and trust about what their practices are. It could be some meditation, some prayer, a Bible reading in bed before you get up, a walk in the dusk, or something that would help you.

Let's build practices that help us engage with the world around us, and help us remain humble, connected and Spirit-filled.

### **Prayers of intercession**

Let us open our hearts and be vulnerable before Jesus as we share what is on our hearts.

*[If it is your practice, there is time indicated below to share prayer needs communally]*

“Jesus called the disciples and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all.”

How often have we been like the leaders of the Gentiles, letting power and authority overtake our hearts?

We begin with nothing but best intentions, then slowly put ourselves above those we serve. Let us remember those around us who lead, be it in this church, in this community, represent our interests in Parliament or this country abroad. We keep them in our hearts, alongside their families, that they be safe and healthy, but also have the courage to stand up against injustice and keep their communities at the heart of their decisions. In the silence, let us bring the names of those who we call leaders and those concerns on our hearts to God.

*[Time of silence or to share prayer concerns]*

The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve.

May we be that servant hearted leader, help those around us and be a pastoral presence within our community.

May these concerns and prayers be taken to God in the words Jesus has given us.

Amen.<sup>3</sup>

**Hymn:**

94 STF – To God be the glory, great things he has done – [YouTube](#)

**Blessing**

Companion God, take us out into your world.

Fire us with your courage.

Touch us with your humility and bless us as we face the reality of our everyday service to others.

Amen.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> Prayers of intercession written by Tim Annan-Hood

<sup>4</sup> Additional prayers by Tim Baker